

RELIGION

LEVEL 6

STANDARD 1: CREED - Students will demonstrate understanding of core Catholic beliefs.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Summarize the meaning of the Apostles Creed.
2. Summarize the development of Christian faith through understanding of Jewish roots of Christian faith.
3. Continue to reflect on the mystery of the Holy Trinity in relationship to the dignity of the human being, the eternal soul, origin of sin and death.
4. Continue to reflect on the life of Jesus – his titles, the Paschal Mystery.
5. Continue to reflect on the role of the Holy Spirit as they identify images of the church, age of the Spirit and Pentecost.
6. Continue to reflect on Mary as a model of faith, Virgin Mother, and the different devotions for Mary.

STANDARD 2: WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS - Students will demonstrate understanding and practice of Catholic worship and sacraments with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of Catholics.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand and celebrate the “Sabbath.”
2. Understand and participate in Eucharistic ministries of lector and usher.
3. Plan and participate in Eucharistic celebration.
4. Understands symbols and signs used in worship; sacred images; icons; singing and music; local customs; and religious holidays from other cultures.
5. Understand and explain the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation.
6. Understand and explain the sacraments of healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
7. Understand and explain the sacraments of service: Matrimony and Holy Orders.

STANDARD 3: MORALITY - Students will understand right from wrong and be able to make good moral choices in life decisions that are consistent with Church teachings and a Christian life. style.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Explain the difference between the “Letter of the Law” and the “Spirit of the Law”.
2. Explain situations that require higher moral judgment.
3. Explain a moral decision-making process.
4. Explain the importance of Catholic values in the decision-making process.
5. Explain the view of the Church in local and national decision-making processes in the areas

- such as abortion, death penalty, euthanasia, etc.
- 6. Explain the difference between venial sin and mortal sin.
- 7. Understand the cardinal and theological virtues and the importance of demonstrating them in our personal life.
- 8. Understand the importance of purity, chastity, modesty, and marriage.
- 9. Understand how media and other technology influences moral decision making.

STANDARD 4: SOCIAL JUSTICE - Students will demonstrate understanding of Catholic social teaching and apply these principles to social and personal situations.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Demonstrate respect and care for all creation and value all of life.
- 2. Appreciate the diverse roles of members in a community.
- 3. Actively participate as members of a community.
- 4. Demonstrate the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- 5. Appreciate the dignity of work and the rights of workers.
- 6. Understand all people stand in solidarity with each other.
- 7. Demonstrate care for God's creation.

STANDARD 5: CORE SCRIPTURE - Students will read, interpret and apply Scripture to their own daily life situation.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Understand and retell major events in Salvation History (Hebrew Scriptures).
- 2. Understand the relationship of Exodus, Passover and Sabbath in our lives as Christians.
- 3. Understands parts of the Bible.
- 4. Use and write references to books of the Bible.
- 5. Memorize short Scripture passages related to the curriculum.
- 6. Identify the major prophets of the Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament).

STANDARD 6: FAMILY LIFE - Students will demonstrate their understanding of Christian family life and how it is nourished and passed on.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Understand that each person receives a genetic heritage from his or her parents.
- 2. Understand that a person is shaped by ethnic, social and religious factors. Ethnic diversity brings strength, richness, and challenges to the community.
- 3. Understand and demonstrate that spiritual growth is a lifelong commitment.
- 4. Recognize the goodness and dignity of every human being by showing respect for self and others.
- 5. Realize that all people deserve respect and care, regardless of economic status, culture, sex, or religion.

6. Understand that procreation is meant for mature, responsible married couples.
7. Understand that adolescence is a period of rapid physical and emotional growth. Males and females are gifted differently but equally.

STANDARD 7: LITURGICAL YEAR - Students will demonstrate their understanding of the Liturgical year and how it is celebrated.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand seasons of Advent and Christmas and how they are celebrated.
2. Understand seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter and how they are celebrated.
3. Understand Pentecost and season of ordinary time.
4. Plan and participate in simple prayer services for the liturgical seasons especially as they relate to salvation history in Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures).

STANDARD 8: CHRISTIAN PRAYER AND PRACTICE - Students will be able to demonstrate, understand, use and identify traditional prayer forms in the Catholic tradition.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand and use a variety of prayer sources:
 - a. Scripture
 - b. Liturgy
 - c. Music
 - d. Psalms
 - e. Canticles.
2. Understand and experience the various kinds of prayers:
 - a. Liturgical (Sacraments and Liturgy of the Hours)
 - b. Devotional (rosary, benediction, stations of the cross, novenas, etc.)
 - c. Meditation and contemplation
 - d. Praying with Scripture
 - e. Journalizing
3. Introduce forms of spirituality
 - a. Monastic
 - b. Dominican
 - c. Franciscan
 - d. Lay
4. Refer to “Continuum of Prayers Taught”

STANDARD 9: VOCABULARY - Students will be able to demonstrate understanding and use of religious vocabulary.

OBJECTIVES:

Refer to “Vocabulary to be Taught” and Glossary

STANDARD 10: VOCATION – LIFE STYLES - Students will demonstrate their understanding of different vocations and life styles to prepare them to respond to their own call.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand our individual gifts and share them with others.
2. Identify the needs of the community and reach out to others.
3. Identify the needs of the world and ways we can help.
4. Understand that people may serve God by using their gifts properly and acting according to their life’s calling.
5. Identify and describe those who have service jobs in our community: health care providers, police, fire department, teachers, priests and ministers, etc.
6. Understand the special ministry of clergy and religious and the different ways to serve the Church.
7. Understand that each of us is called by God to a special vocation in life.
8. Know, understand and participate in the ministries available in their parish and school.

STANDARD 11: SERVICE - Students will engage in service to the community (family, parish, local, national, and global) by action and reflection on our response to the Gospel call.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand how they can make a difference through service to others.
2. Actively participate in service projects.
3. Actively participate in the parish (where applicable).
4. Actively witness their faith.
5. Explain the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

STANDARD 12: SAINTS - Students will explore the lives of the saints in order to expand their role models for Christian living.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Celebrate and understands the feasts of Mary especially, Queenship of Mary (8/22)
2. Celebrate and understands the feasts of Our Lord especially, Pentecost and Ascension
3. Celebrate and understand the life and feast of canonized saints:
 - a. Samuel
 - b. Isaiah
 - c. Abraham and Sarah
 - d. Moses
 - e. Andrew, Apostle (11:30)
 - f. Stephen (12/26)

4. Celebrate and understand the life of modern day saints:
 - a. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - b. Teilhard de Chardin

STANDARD 13: CHURCH HISTORY – Students will explore the development and history of the Church.
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OBJECTIVES:

1. Integrate in Social Studies the spread of the Roman Catholic Church.
2. Understand the universality of the Church, the meaning of “catholic”

STANDARD 14: STEWARDSHIP – Students will demonstrate an understanding of Catholic stewardship and apply the knowledge by sharing their time, talent and treasure.

OBJECTIVES:

1. We become the steward God asks us to be by sharing our gifts.
2. Be an example of service and integrity
3. Prayer is a tool to connect people to God’s will
4. Good stewards need to examine themselves on how well they are caring for their body, mind and spirit.
5. Our use of the earth’s resources should reflect our understanding that we are not the only users
6. Keep holy the Sabbath – take time for God

